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20 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director
SUBJECT: Titling of Tracker

25X1C 1. On the occasion of transmittal of tracker film on penetration missions [REDACTED] HTAUTOMAT has run upon the fact that certain tracker has not been titled though it has been numbered.

25X1A 2. I note here the explanation received by phone from [REDACTED] that originally it had been planned only to title at the head and tail of tracker with consecutive numbering of frames in-between. It was stated further that some eight months after our experience began [REDACTED] proposed that all back tracker be titled and future tracker be titled. In view of the then existing work load at Eastman, Major Quiggins felt that this could be accommodated and acceded to their request. In the press of business, this procedure fell by the wayside.

25X1A 3. The question now before us is whether to go back and title all untitled tracker or live with head and tail titling that exists as well as the question of what should be the policy on future titling of tracker.

4. In view of the fact that tracker is for the most part used in roll except where individual prints are made (and this is very little as compared to prints made by nontracker), it would seem the most practicable solution would be to require neither titling of past film nor to require titling (except for head and tail) in the future.

5. However, in order to provide adequate security protection, in pursuance of this memorandum HTAUTOMAT is requested to initiate procedures within its own establishment to insure that any prints made from tracker will be properly titled. HTAUTOMAT is also hereby requested to prepare a form memorandum to be transmitted with each copy of the tracker which it releases to other agencies [REDACTED]

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calling attention to the titling procedure used, namely, head and tail only, and to specify the injunction that any printing made from the tracker must be properly titled TOP SECRET, code word, mission number, and handled via the TALENT system.

6. Recommendation. It is recommended that you approve the procedure set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, this procedure having been concurred in by [REDACTED] for Operations and disagreed with by the TALENT Security Officer. [REDACTED] dissent is set forth in the attachment.)

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CIA TALENT Control Officer

Recommendation in paragraph 6 is
APPROVED:

*/s/ with amendment
discussed orally.*

Richard M. Blossell, Jr.
Project Director

Attachment

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- 1-Forward w/att cy 1
- 2-Project Director w/att cy 2
- 3-Director of Operations--
Attention [REDACTED]
- 4-Chief/HTAUTOMAT w/o att
- 5-TALENT Security Officer w/o att
- 6-HTA/OCR ([REDACTED])
- 7-TCO
- 8-TCS chrono

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